

Town Administrator's Report

April 8, 2014

The areas and initiatives in which we were involved, since the last report, are as follows:

- Working toward the scheduling of quarterly meetings between the Administrator and ALL Department Heads. This is in addition to monthly meetings with each Dept. Head and designed to allow a collective meeting at which there is an interchange of thoughts, ideas and/or concerns. The purpose is to increase communications and a sense of teamwork. The first meeting is being scheduled for late April or early May.
- Working with Army Corps of Engineers with respect to Harbor Dredging in September of 2014. \$190,000 has been allotted for the project – the precise amount will be determined by harbor soundings and calculation of amount of material to be removed. Soundings to take place in June, contracts let in August, dredging to take place in September. No Town funds are involved.
- Application to Army Corps of Engineers for a ‘Design Deficiency Correction’ which would allow the dredge limits to be expanded to accommodate larger ferries, construction vessels and deeper drafts. This application is unrelated to the above 2014 Dredging Project and allows for the Army Corp to underwrite subsequent, expanded dredging as a function of correcting a deficiency in the harbor design – insofar as the original design was established in 1960 – the deficiency has occurred as a result of growth, change and evolution over the succeeding 50 years. Harbor Committee reviewed and passed on the application which was dispatched on 3/26.
- Development of Ordinance by which Fire and Ambulance had dedicated and exclusive accounts into which to deposit ‘volunteer funds’ and over which they would maintain exclusive control. The Ordinance is before the Town this evening.
- Stop gap resolution to complaints and concerns regarding the ‘red house’ adjacent to the school. Administrator communicated with contractor , secured rigid barrier fencing and requested the Town Foreman/crew to erect the fence to ensure child safety.

- Working on a Policy for closure of town roads for private events – street dances, etc. WTA provide legal precedent (Wis Stat 349.185) allowing the Town to approve such closures. Tentative template with tight Hold Harmless was secured and is being modified to meet the needs of the Town.
- Reviewing annual Town Insurance Policy – requests to departments for information regarding equipment, valuation, etc to allow an update of coverage. Communicated with Horton Group for presentation to Town Board prior to approval of policy by Board.
- Town DID NOT receive the Boating Improvement Grant for a Transient Docking Pier in the 2014 cycle. Annie Loechler, DNR Grant Mgr, did indicate substantial and continued interest regarding the project with some belief that it may be funded in the 2015 cycle. Arrangements and schedules are being made to have Carol Benzlaer (sp?) the Director visit the Island this summer to witness the harbor congestion and necessity of relief that the Pier would provide. Permits will be applied for now in order that should the grant be awarded in 2015 we will be positioned to undertake the project.
- Discussions with Health Clinic Board members regarding revising, tightening and clarifying the Clinic lease – physical plant being Town responsibility – health clinic operations being Clinic Board responsibility. Further discussions on future plans, direction – expansion and integration of services, were undertaken and will continue.
- Community outreach and communication continues as an integral part of policy formulation and modification.